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SUBJECT: ROK URGED BURMA TO ACCEPT AID WORKERS, INCLUDING  
KOREAN ONES

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Classified By: POL M/C Joseph Yun. Reasons 1.4(b/d)

¶1. (C) Hong Sang-hun, MOFAT Deputy Director for Humanitarian Assistance, said on June 9 that the ROK had urged Burma to fully implement measures permitting humanitarian assistance personnel, regardless of nationality, to travel to areas affected by Cyclone Nargis in dire need of relief assistance.

Mr. Hong noted that the first time the ROK proposed to provide an aid relief team, the Burmese authorities denied the request, but that when the ROK again proposed the offer, Burmese officials accepted. The team, comprised of 30 medical specialists working near Rangoon, entered Burma on June 5.

¶2. (C) Mr. Hong added later that the ROK sent another team of 13 medical officials to Burma on June 13. The officials were employees of the Korean National Police Agency.  
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